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8. (Currently Amended) A method of clipping a claw nail of an animal, comprising the steps of:

providing a light source;

shining light from said light source through the claw nail, wherein said claw nail is aligned directly between said light source and an observer to make positions of blood vessels within the claw nail ~~observable~~ apparent to the observer; and

clipping at least one portion of the claw nail not containing a blood vessel, while maintaining said claw nail between said light source and the observer.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 8, wherein said step of providing a light source includes providing a clipper having cutting edges, wherein said light source is ~~contained within~~ by said clipper adjacent in front

said cutting edges.

10. (Original) The method according to Claim 8, wherein said step of providing a light source includes providing a light source that produces red light.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of determining the position of a blood vessel in the claw nail of an animal so that the claw nail can be safely clipped, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a light source; and

positioning the claw nail ~~adjacent~~ directly between said light source and an observer, wherein said light source shines light through the claw nail and exposes a position of a blood vessel within the claw nail to the observer.

12. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, further including the step of clipping the claw nail while said light source shines light through the claw nail.

13. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said light source shines red light.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 11, wherein said step of providing a light source includes providing a clipper assembly having cutting edges, wherein

said light source is ~~contained within~~ supported by said clipper ~~adjacent~~ forward of said cutting edges.